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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, LA, AMER

SUBJ: MFA NOTE ON EMBASSY COMPOUND

REF: A. SECSTATE 158810

B. VIENTIANE 4691

1. BEFORE RECEIVING REF A, HAD OCCASION TO SEE SOUBANH, CHEF DE CABINET OF MIN FORAFF, AT 4TH OF JULY RECEPTION. ASKED HIM IF WE COULD MEET WITH HIM ASAP TO REVIEW "VIRULENT NOTE." HE WAS TAKEN ABACK BY ADJECTIVE AND PROTESTED, BUT AGREED TO TRY TO MEET. UNABLE TO REACH HIM SO FAR TODAY, AS HE IS OUT MEETING PRIMIN (AND PERHAPS SOUPHANOUVONG) WHO RETURN FROM LUANG PRABANG.

2. OUR VIEW IS THAT NOTE DOES PROVIDE ELEMENTS OF NEGOTIATION. WE HAD ALREADY TALKED BEFORE RECENT EVENTS TO UNIVERSAL AMERICAN ENTERPRISES (UAE) REGARDING NEED TO REDUCE SCOPE OF WORK. PGNU'S DEMAND FOR DISSOLUTION OF COMPANY, HOWEVER ERRONEOUSLY BASED, APPEARS KEY TO LAO POSITION. WE BELIEVE WE CAN MEET THIS DEMAND; IN FACT, IT IS PREFERABLE COURSE, EVEN IF THERE HAD BEEN NO LAO PRESSURE. OUR PROBLEM IS TO INSURE SUPERVISION OF GENERATORS AND CERTAIN OTHER FUNCTIONS AFTER DISSOLUTION.

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WE ARE BRINGING GSO JOHN POWELL BACK FROM UDORN TOMORROW

TO DISCUSS WHOLE MATTER.

3. WE WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE TO TELL SOUBANH THAT  
A) WE PROBABLY COULD TERMINATE CONTRACT WITH UAE BUT  
NEEDED TIME TO PROCEED. FOR INSTANCE, WE NEED  
TIME TO PAY OFF SOME 150 LAO EMPLOYEES OF UAE; B) WE  
WERE TERMINATING UAE BECAUSE PRACTICAL COURSE. THERE WAS  
HOWEVER NO SHRED OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO INDICATE UAE  
INTERFERENCE IN LAO AFFAIRS. FURTHER, IT WAS NONSENSE TO  
DESCRIBE USAID AS A PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION SINCE IT  
HAD NOT DISPERSED MAP FOR TWO YEARS. ALL DAO ELEMENTS  
WHO HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MAP ARE NOW GONE; C)  
MATERIALS IN GSO COMPOUND DO NOT RPT NOT BELONG TO UAE  
BUT TO USG. PROOF IS IN FILES AT COMPOUND; D) WE WANT  
TO KNOW WHAT MFA MEANS BY STATEMENT THAT OCCUPIED GROUNDS  
WILL BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION; WE OWN THE LAND, AND  
COMPOUNDS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SAME IMMUNITY  
AS CHANCERY ITSELF; E) WE SHALL INDICATE THERE IS NO  
DIFFICULTY IN INFORMING PGNU OF ALL PROPERTIES HELD  
LEGALLY BY USG; F) WE SHALL MAKE CLEAR THAT EARLY  
RETURN OF COMPOUNDS IS URGENT USG DEMAND TO PURSUE  
NEGOTIATIONS TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

4. AFTER INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH SOUBANH, WE WOULD  
PLAN TO SEND NOTE INCORPORATING THESE POINTS.

5. AS ILLUSTRATION OF DEGREE OF PL CONTROL OVER  
EVENTS, BEFORE APPROACHING SOUBANH, WE TALKED WITH NEW  
SECSTATE OF MFA, KYTHONG VONGSAY, WHO IS THEREFORE SENIOR  
OFFICIAL AFTER PHOUMI AND WHO BARELY KNEW OF SUBJECT,  
AND WITH SECGEN OF MFA (SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT OF MFA).  
BOTH LAUGHED AND TOLD US TO DISCUSS WHOLE ISSUE WITH  
SOUBANH.

6. FINALLY, WE WANT TO REITERATE STRONG IMPRESSION  
WE ALL RECEIVED AT FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION THAT PGNU  
DOES WANT TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS.

7. REQUEST DEPT'S URGENT APPROVAL AND/OR COMMENTS  
ON FOREGOING.  
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